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Peter Maer, former Granite City resident, now CBS Radio News White House correspondent, stopped back in town to tour the high school and speak at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center.

Maer revisits his hometown

CBS Radio correspondent stops by for tour, fundraiser

By Michael Heil
Staff writer

He is a three-time winner of the coveted Merriman Smith Award for Presidential Coverage under Pressure and is a graduate of Granite City High School. The hometown boy who went on to fame in Washington D.C. is Peter Maer, CBS Radio News White House correspondent.

Maer was in St. Louis Saturday to host the third annual De La Roche Gala at Chase Park Plaza to raise funds for Koch Family Health Center at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Maer, 51, stopped by Granite City Friday to tour the high school and the health center, speaking and shaking hands with school administrators and hospital staff. Maer said that his visit to the steel town rekindled memories from his youthful days as a teenager growing

up in Granite City.

"I was a life guard at (Wilson Park) Pool. I remember those days vividly and many others with much fondness," said Maer, who was raised for several years in the 1200 block of 27th Street.

Maer attended Niedringhaus Elementary School, Coolidge Middle School and was a 1966 graduate of the high school. He said his education was a

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School board approves improvements

Meeting date changed, annual audit accepted Thursday

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A low bid to replace doors on Blair and Harris schools

was approved by the Madison School Board at Thursday's meeting.

A low bid of \$65,139 from Calhoun Construction was accepted. Bids ranged from the low bid to about \$80,000.

Board members also approved changing the date of the November meeting to Nov. 9. The board will be reorganized at that time, and new board member Lynda Becker will take her seat.

Becher was elected to the Board in April, replacing outgoing member Jeff Bridick. Newly elected board members were not allowed to take their seat until November, in an effort to

consolidate elections. Becher, a Granite City native, is a purchasing coordinator for St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City, and has been a Madison resident since 1978.

Board President Sharon Cass and Trustee Joe Garcia were unopposed for reelection.

The board also accepted the annual audit, which

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Meeting scheduled for park discussion

Public forum to help guide park development

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A proposed master plan for the Granite City Park District will be discussed at a public meeting at 7 p.m. Nov. 16. The plan would guide park use and development through 2005. The meeting will be at Harold Brown Recreation

"We have public input. We want to know what they want, what they expect."

Dave Polivick
Granite City Park District Director

Center, located at the intersection of Franklin and Amos avenues.

In conjunction with the meeting, the Park District is asking that residents fill out a survey. The survey asks what direction the district should go, what people's interests are and their level of participation in recreational activities. The survey can be

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Madison makes the grade

Standardized test scores are increasing regularly

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

While still ranking below the state average in most standardized state tests, students in the Madison School District continue to make steady gains, according to district officials. At Thursday's Board meeting, principals talked

"The longer the student was in the district, the better their test scores."

Gary Allison
Superintendent

about their school's stan-

dardized tests scores and school improvement programs.

The district has not yet released the annual school report cards for its four schools, but Superintendent Gary Allison said they continue to show improvement. He said they just received the final version of the report card, and it would be distributed soon.

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Annual Gala successful

Proceeds to benefit Koch Health Center

The third annual De La Roche Gala on Saturday evening at Chase Park Plaza in

St. Louis was a great success, according to Dan Brown, director of economic development for Granite City.

"It raised a lot of money and recognized people who have given their time and efforts for the continued success of our community," Brown said.

Proceeds from the gala will enable health care professionals at Koch Family Health Center at St. Elizabeth Medical Center immunize children and youth and treat them and adults for health related needs. More than half of those treated the past two years have been children.

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The Big Picture



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Stephanie Brake, Jr., takes care of left, Kendell Paterson, and Austin McEntire during her vocational childcare class. See The Big Picture, Page 4A.

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Fantasyland complex damaged by fire Friday afternoon

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The recently seized in Fantasyland complex in Brooklyn suffered minor damage after a fire broke out Friday afternoon.

The fire was apparently started by a welder who was sealing doors to the business, which was seized the day before by the U.S. Marshals Service after owner

Everette O. Baker was sentenced to 15 years for money laundering.

U.S. Marshal Terry Delaney said firefighters from Brooklyn, Madison and Venice quickly put out the blaze, which had smoldered in the walls for several hours before being noticed by marshals at the scene at about 3 p.m.

The doors were welded shut that morning in an effort to secure the building. He said they took control of the building Thursday

after the sentencing, and that night someone broke in. The only thing missing were some video tapes, which Delaney said would probably have been destroyed anyway.

"There are eight entrances to that building, so we decided to have some of them welded shut," he said.

He said the U.S. Attorney's Office is still considering what to do with the building.

It would either be sold or given to a governmental or

nonprofit agency, but the location, in the middle of Brooklyn's sex business district, would probably limit the agencies that could use the facility.

Delaney also said much of the merchandise will probably be destroyed, and they are trying to work out the details on who owns rented items such as machinery and furniture.

Baker, 60, was sentenced to 15 years in prison after a jury found him guilty of 21 separate charges relating to

laundering proceeds of a prostitution business.

In addition to the prison sentence, U.S. District Judge William Stiel ordered that Baker forfeit \$4.4 million in profits from his sex business, as well as the Fantasyland complex.

Prosecutors said that between 1990 and April 7, 1997, Baker laundered in excess of \$8 million in prostitution proceeds derived from his massage parlor business.

They also said Baker used proceeds from prostitution to make payments on a construction loan for the building, located at 206 N. Second St.

Baker's son, Edward Everett Johnson of Madison, who took control of the business in April 1997, had already pleaded guilty to and been sentenced to 2 1/2 years in prison on one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering.

Police blotter

Granite City

UNLAWFUL USE OF A WEAPON: Terry L. Catterson, 35, and Lewis W. Tartt, 32, both of Granite City, were arrested after a traffic stop at Layton Road at Bend Road in Madison at 2:13 a.m. Oct. 21, by the Madison County Sheriff's Department. The vehicle Catterson was driving was searched, and officers allegedly found an unloaded Colt Trooper III .357 revolver behind the driver's seat, and underneath the passenger's seat a Blued Steel Lorain .25 caliber semi-automatic handgun that was also unloaded. However, six live rounds of .357 ammunition were found in the unlocked glove compartment of the vehicle, and a clip of live .25 caliber ammunition was found on the passenger's side seat. There were live rounds for six other weapons found in various locations throughout the vehicle. Catterson was held awaiting a felony charge of unlawful use of a weapon. He was also charged with possession of a firearm without a required FOID card, possession of firearm ammunition without a required FOID card, and driving while suspended. Tartt was also held awaiting a charge of unlawful use of a weapon.

BURGLARY: A resident of the 100 block of David Road in Collinsville reported that sometime between 5 p.m. Oct. 17 and 7 a.m. Oct. 18, someone broke into a camper shell on the back of a truck parked in the driveway and took a Dewalt 3/8-inch drill, a Black & Decker jigsaw, a Craftsman tool box, various screwdrivers, wrenches and carpentry tools, and a trailer hitch. The tools were valued at approximately \$110.

BURGLARY: A counter top motion detector alerted the Madison County Sheriff's Department of a break-in at the 508 Variety Shop, 508 East Chain of Rocks Road in Granite City at 2:49 a.m. Oct. 21. An employee was called to the store to allow investigators inside the store. Packages of cigarettes and an empty 12-pack beer box were found lying on the ground. A surveillance videotape showed that two males broke the glass in the front door, entered the store, and took cigarettes and a box from the cooler, then escaped back out the same break in the front door. No immediate value was placed on the missing items.

items.

BURGLARY: A resident of the first block of Fairway in Granite City reported that sometime between 5 p.m. Oct. 20 and 6:30 a.m. Oct. 21, someone entered two unlocked vehicles in the driveway, and removed items. Taken from the first vehicle were a Sony portable CD player, an equalizer and a box containing two 10-inch stereo speakers, with a total value of \$400. An Amarteck cellular telephone was taken from the second vehicle. The homeowner turned over five cassette tapes found in one of his vehicles to the sheriff's deputy.

BURGLARY: A resident of the first block of Fairway in Granite City reported that sometime between 10 p.m. Oct. 20 and 8:30 a.m. Oct. 21, someone entered an unlocked vehicle parked in the driveway and took five cassette tapes. While the sheriff's deputy was filling out the report, the missing tapes were turned over to the Sheriff's Department at the scene of another burglary.

BURGLARY: A resident of the 400 block of Longhollow Road in Edwardsville reported that some-

time between 10 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. Oct. 21, someone broke through the front door of the residence and took electronics equipment and other items.

A GE 27-inch television, a RCA 19" television, a RCA videocassette recorder, a JVC VCR, a JVC CD changer, a JVC AM/FM receiver, a JVC dual cassette recorder and two Realistic brand stereo speakers were taken. Also taken was a cuckoo clock valued at \$600, and a black briefcase from an upstairs bedroom containing military records for 35 years and 23 United States Savings Bonds.

BURGLARY: A resident of the first block of Shirley in Granite City reported that sometime overnight Oct. 20 and Oct. 21, someone entered an unlocked car and stole a Clarion AM/FM CD player valued at \$300.

Venice

Multiple charges: Backed up traffic on Broadway in Venice led to the arrest of two St. Louis residents on multiple charges Saturday evening. Salvatore T. Sanfilippo, 39, of St. Louis, was charged with one count

each of aggravated battery, obstruction of justice, obscene conduct, resisting arrest, aggravated fleeing police, illegal transportation of alcohol, leaving the scene of an accident, driving under the influence, disobeying a stop sign, and reckless driving. He was released on a notice to appear.

Lisa A. Bridwell, 37, also of St. Louis, was charged with battery, obstruction of justice and resisting arrest. She was released after posting \$300 bond.

According to police, the incident began at about 7 p.m. when a Venice officer noticed traffic backing up on Broadway near Illinois 3. While he investigated, he allegedly found Sanfilippo urinating in the middle of Illinois 3.

When the officer attempted to arrest him, Sanfilippo and Bridwell allegedly attacked the officer. Bridwell was arrested at the scene, but Sanfilippo was able to get into his car, a 1999 Chevrolet Cavalier. After backing into the officer, he drove away.

The car was finally stopped in East St. Louis, where Sanfilippo was arrested.

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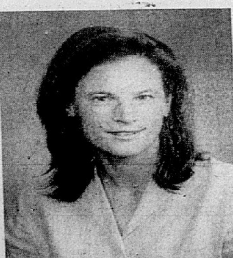
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Left to Right: Charles "Chip" King, Brenda Mersinger, Dan Brown, Jerry Harrington, Mike Skoklo

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Board approves improvements

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Superintendent Gary Allison also told board members that classroom lighting replacement at Madison High School has been completed. He said older incandescent light fixtures were replaced with brighter, more efficient fluorescent lights.

He also said the driveway to the district's storage building has been completed, and new speed bumps and speed limit signs have been installed at Madison Middle School in anticipation of an expanded early childhood program.

The board also met in executive session for about 45 minutes to discuss personnel issues.

Schools testing better

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However, he said it will be difficult to compare this year's scores to previous years because the state is using a new testing system. In the past, the state used the Illinois Goals Assessment Program, but switched this year to the Illinois Standards Achievement Tests. This year's tests will serve as a benchmark or the standard against which future tests will be compared.

Districts are rated on the number of students who do not meet or exceed state averages in different subjects.

Both Allison and elementary school principals David Becherer and Bernard Long said one encouraging trend is that while students enter the school district less prepared than the state average, they advance more rapidly.

"We are below state average in the areas tested, but our improvement is there," Allison said.

"Every area tested, which is science, social studies, math, writing and language arts reading, we improved," Allison said. "The longer the student was in the district, the better the test scores."

According to testing done on students entering first grade, Madison School

District students enter the system performing far below the state average.

Much of that is attributed to the number of low-income students. According to last year's report card, more than 90 percent of the district's students come from low-income families, while the state average was about 35 percent.

The district also suffers from a very high mobility rate, meaning the number of times students move either in or out of the district, which slows their educational advancement. That figure is also usually double the state average.

To counter that, the district has concentrated efforts on improving early elementary education, including a full-day kindergarten, a low student-teacher ratio, and more preschool programs.

Allison said that appears to be paying off.

He also said another encouraging sign is that in one case, the percentage of high school students meeting or exceeding state standards is higher than the state average.

Raw data shows that in 11th grade social studies, 91 percent of the students met or exceeded the state standards, compared to 87 percent of all students in the state.

Meeting scheduled for park discussion

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obtained at the Park District office in Wilson Park, is being sent out with fall/winter activity brochures and will be printed in the Granite City Journal in the near future.

Granite City Park District Director Dave Polivick said residents can either return the survey to the district office or can bring them to the meeting.

"We want to have public input," Polivick said. "We want to know what they want, what they expect."

He said they have been working on the plan for more than two years.

After the public meeting, Park District officials will prepare the final draft of the master plan, which will probably be completed in late January or February.

Another public hearing will be held sometime in the early spring and the plan is expected to be in place by May.

As part of the master plan, Polivick said they inventoried all the district's assets, ranging from buildings and programs to individual trees.

The entire district includes 12 parks on 115.8 acres, 16 full-time employees and serves a population of about 50,000.

Polivick said the planning the district has done has already paid off. He said area legislators called and said there was money available for park programs, but they needed information quickly.

"The legislators asked for this at the last minute and needed it right away," Polivick said. "We were able to fax it to them in 60 minutes."

"Had we not been in the process of planning, it may have taken several days to put the information together and we probably wouldn't have met their deadlines," he said.


That resulted in \$463,000 in grants and Illinois First money for the district.

Those improvements include a new refrigeration unit at the ice rink, renovation of the Seiveking Gardens, new roofs for the picnic shelters in Wilson Park and refurbishing of the tennis and basketball courts.

Polivick said they are also hoping to receive an additional \$200,000 for a new roof for the ice rink.


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The Big Picture

Vocational education still fills a big need

Schools continue efforts to keep equipment, training up to date

By Jennifer Saxton
Staff writer

With technology changing every second, area high school vocational educational centers have had to change just as quickly. In the Metro East, a large part of the challenge is keeping both the programs — and the equipment — up to date.

Lowell Brown, director of vocational education at Cahokia High School, said not providing students with proper equipment for their training is a disservice to the students. It also creates a void in the work force.

"The unions are having a hard time filling apprenticeship programs with skilled, qualified people," Brown said.

Many carpenter locals are having difficulty getting qualified people to fill the positions where the older generations are retiring. "It's not that we cannot find any people to fill these positions, but instead we can't find enough good, qualified people to fill the positions," Gary Eversmann, coordinator of the Southern Illinois Carpenter's Apprenticeship Program in Belleville, said.

Students from Cahokia have built many structures on the high school grounds, such as the new press box looking onto the football field and storage buildings for the school. In many districts, those kinds of projects are disappearing. Brown believes new technology is taking it away and detracting from what the students are able to learn.

"A lot of schools have gotten away from vocational education because of the cost factor," Brown said. "The amount of money available over the past few years has dwindled."

Brown said many programs the vocational education department used to offer are gone because the money the department used to receive to update equipment has dwindled through the years.

But while the funding has dried up, the students' interest hasn't. Brown said the enrollment has stayed the same for the past several years. Out of 1,380 students at Cahokia High, 25 percent are part of the vocational education program.

Even the names of the programs are changing with the times. Schools are making "vocational centers" into "career/industrial technology centers." The change may be due to the negative tone "vocation" may give to parents as their children sign up for these courses.

"Parents may be more willing if they know their children will still be able to find a career in the field of their choice," said Bruce Dye, director of the Collinsville Area Vocational Center.

While the name on the outside of the Collinsville center remains the same, the technology inside is vastly different.

Dye said the Building Trades Program began using air nailers and laser equipment in the construction of houses, while the auto shop has a new addition to the department — a \$29,000 front-alignment machine.

"We try to bring in equipment to show students what new technology they will encounter in the real world," Dye said.

The 54 students currently enrolled in Collinsville come from several other area school districts, Dye said. These include Lebanon, O'Fallon, Mascoutah, Edwardsville and Madison.

While enrollment has stayed the same over the last several years, Dye said he has seen more graduating students go to training schools like Ranken Technical College or other two-year industrial programs like those available at Belleville Area College.

Jason Huntsinger is a 1997 Collinsville graduate who believes vocational education was the right direction for him.

"They helped me get the training I needed to get

"The unions are having a hard time filling apprenticeship programs with skilled, qualified people."

Lowell Brown
Vocational education director

a job after graduation," Huntsinger said. Huntsinger now works for St. Louis Metallizing, using a computer operated vertical machining center, equipment worth more than \$500,000.

Huntsinger learned to operate the machine on a smaller scale during his senior year at the Collinsville vocational center. He plans to take his vocational training to an even higher level when he returns to college to pursue an engineering degree.

Many vocational students receive college credit for the courses they take while they are still in high school. Both Belleville Area College and Lewis & Clark Community College offers some high school students the advantage of dual credit for a vocational course, as well as a college course. This articulation agreement is set up between with many area high schools and participating colleges.

Even so, Eldon Boergen, director of vocational education at Belleville East High School, said enrollment has decreased during the last few years in his program.

With the decreasing enrollment, teaching positions have disappeared.

When Boergen began teaching in 1971, there were 12 business teachers. Now there are only five. "Everyone wants their children to go to college and with all the college requirements, students don't have the time to take elective courses," Boergen said.

As in other districts, affording technology that prepares students for the real world has been a challenge at Belleville East.

"It's been hard to keep the equipment in the program up to date because the newer machines cost thousands of dollars," Boergen said. "Our equipment is not state of the art, yet it's not antique."

Belleville East has managed to modernize its computers. This year, the school has two new computer labs and new software students may encounter when they enter the work force.

Cindy Gagich, director of vocational education at Granite City High School, has a different view of the kind of programs the school offers their students.

"Our vocational classes continue to be in high demand and filling up as fast as possible," Gagich said.

With the high school's total enrollment around 2,300, Gagich said at least 1,100 students will take one vocational/career class a year.

Some of Granite City's vocational courses resemble subjects that might be offered in a college program. The home economics department offers a course on fashion merchandising and another dealing with hospitality and tourism.

The child care program puts lessons into action with a preschool setting 60 children. Four different classes help staff the preschool during the day.

"We are trying to change the programs to reflect the changes in vocational training," Gagich said. "And we want students to have the access to updated equipment."

More importantly, educators want the technical training students receive to help them be as successful as they can be in their careers, Gagich said.

For the second semester, as part of a job shadowing program with the Adam's Mark hotel in St. Louis, students actually work in various positions throughout the hotel during school hours.

Six years ago, Granite City was a pilot site for this class.

"This unique program has since caught on to many other high schools in the state," said Cindy Gagich, director of vocational education. "All these classes are centered around a work-based learning program."

Another such class is in child care. Students work during school hours for nearly two hours two or three days a week at an actual daycare center within the school. Currently, there are 80 children who attend the daycare.

On days the students are not working with the children, they plan activities, discuss their experiences with the children and learn skills on dealing with children in a variety of situations.

Through this course, the students can receive up to six credits for child care classes through Belleville Area College.

In the building trades course, students build a house for lower income families in less than a year. This course also integrates drafting skills used for the blueprints and knowledge of electricity students need to wire the house.

For a number of years, the word "vocation" has had a negative connotation to it. But, now vocational includes many computer and industrial skills," Gagich said.



Tim Stephenson photo

David Boone, a freshman, concentrates on his welding in a class at Granite City High School.

Many vocational students now continue education after graduating

By Jennifer Saxton
Staff writer

Parents are often reluctant to have their children go into jobs armed only with vocational training.

But recently the focus of vocational education has shifted to include more career-oriented training. More and more students are taking their vocational education and going to college to receive degrees in areas like engineering while others are finding it easier to take their skills straight to work.

"For those kids, who do not want to go to college, the construction trades are sometimes a good alternative," Gary Eversmann, coordinator of Southern Illinois Carpenter's Apprenticeship Program, said.

Going into the construction field doesn't mean an end to training. Apprenticeships are one avenue students can take after graduating. Eversmann said people need to realize how much math is involved in carpentry and construction.

"We do try to attract the cream of the crop. You have to be pretty smart to be a carpenter," Eversmann said. "That's why we make sure they know their math and are able to build things with their hands."

In one trade area, students are rushing to fill the abundance of carpentry positions opening throughout the country. Eversmann said that isn't because there are not enough people interested in

the occupation. Instead, the heightened requirements are limiting the number of qualified people to fill the positions.

"We started a math test several years ago. Last year, we tested 140 applicants and 50 percent failed," Eversmann said. "The test was a simple arithmetic test with a little algebra and decimals."

Apprentice applicants come from all over southern Illinois, and from a total of 33 counties in the state.

Through the apprenticeship program, the students who pass the test and have their first interview, then have a chance to become first-year apprentices.

Last year, 70 applicants passed the math test and 45 found work as first-year apprentices.

"We are in good times now and there's a lot of work out there to be filled," Eversmann said. Currently, the program has 35 apprentices at various experience levels.

For four weeks a year, the students come to the training center in Belleville over a four-year time. They will then go work with the contractor, who has employed them, for four to six months and then come back to the center for another two weeks.

The apprenticeships last for four years. After the apprenticeships, the worker receives a journeyman's carpentry card. This will allow them to travel anywhere in the country and work at the prevailing journeyman's wage offered in that area.



John Swistak Jr. photo

Collinsville Area Vocational Center students use a Hunter 4 wheel computerized alignment machine. From left are Brad Capica, 18, of Collinsville and Matt Wetcott, 17, of O'Fallon. Instructor Ken Holmes, center, looks on.

Health care, home economics become part of alternative system

By Jennifer Saxton
Staff writer

Two decades ago, vocational education prepared students to become auto mechanics, welders, carpenters or electricians.

But Granite City High School is trying to give its students more alternatives. Its vocational program includes departments like health occupations, home economics, industrial occupations and business education.

In the Home Economics Department, students have a lot more to focus on than cooking and sewing. Interested in running a hotel? Take a hospitality and tourism class. This year-long course is designed to teach about jobs in the hospitality/tourism field.

Information taught includes hotel management, restaurant management, food preparation in large quantities as in a catering business and travel sales.

For the second semester, as part of a job shadowing program with the Adam's Mark hotel in St. Louis, students actually work in various positions throughout the hotel during school hours.

Six years ago, Granite City was a pilot site for this class.

"This unique program has since caught on to many other high schools in the state," said Cindy Gagich, director of vocational education. "All these classes are centered around a work-based learning program."

Another such class is in child care. Students work during school hours for nearly two hours two or three days a week at an actual daycare center within the school. Currently, there are 80 children who attend the daycare.

On days the students are not working with the children, they plan activities, discuss their experiences with the children and learn skills on dealing with children in a variety of situations.

Through this course, the students can receive up to six credits for child care classes through Belleville Area College.

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For a number of years, the word "vocation" has had a negative connotation to it. But, now vocational includes many computer and industrial skills," Gagich said.

In the health occupations department, students can take a Basic Nurse Assistant course to learn the responsibilities of a Certified Nurse's Assistant. The students do off-site clinicals in area hospitals and nursing homes. After the class, students can test to become a state certified nursing assistant.

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News

Obituaries

Oscar Ash

OSCAR W. ASH, 86, of St. Louis, died at 1:40 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 24, 1999, at St. Louis Alzheimer.

He was born Jan. 6, 1913, in Granite City. Mr. Ash was a U.S.

Army Air Corp. veteran of World War II. He was a procurement officer for Army Support Center (Goodfellow). He was a past commander of Veterans Chapter 53, and a member of Wednesday and Friday afternoon

pinocchio clubs and Central Christian Church in Granite City. He is survived by his son, James Ash of Columbia; two sisters, Margaret Schoenhart of Virginia Beach, Va., Ernestine Hahn of Granite City; five grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Clara (Wade) Ash on Nov. 19, 1996. He was also preceded in death by his parents, James and Velma (Long) Ash, and one sister, Mable Penny.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m., Thursday at Irwin Chapel in Granite City with the Rev. Tom Schofield officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Gran Carbon. Memorials may be made to Central Christian Church.

Virgil Brinker

VIRGIL J. BRINKER, 84, of Collinsville, died at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 25, 1999, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville.

He was born July 16, 1915, in Washington, Mo. Mr. Brinker retired in 1974 from Shell Oil where he had worked as an electrician. He was a member of St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Catherine F. (Furman) Brinker, two sons, Ken Brinker of Edwardsville, and Joe Brinker of Highland; three daughters, Mary Woodall of Shelbyville, Barbara Brooks of Hillsboro, Mo., and Dianne Locks of Granite City; four brothers, Orville Brinker, Odilo Brinker, Henry Brinker Jr. and Leonard Brinker all of Washington, Mo.; four sisters, Lidwina Schlitt of Krakow, Mo., Margaret, Schade of Warrenton,

Mo., Olga Krienkamp of Kirkwood, Mo., and Sister Odilo Brinker of St. Louis; 13 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Mary (Hille) Brinker; two brothers, Leander and Sylvester Brinker, and a sister, Eleanor Schlitt.

Services are at 1 p.m. today, Wednesday, at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Edwardsville. Allan & Cuffman Funeral Home in Collinsville handled arrangements. Memorials in the form of masses are suggested.

Michael Kohuth

Michael K. Kohuth, 41, of Madison, died at 6:38 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. He was born June 20, 1958.

Survivors include a sister, Bernadine Petro of Bridgeton, Mo., and a brother, Anthony Illies of Bloomington, Minn.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Carl "Gene" Kohuth in 1995 and Arlene M. (Anderson) Kohuth in 1994.

Services were Monday at Lake View Memorial Gardens in Fairview Heights with the Rev. Brian Caughlan officiating.

Elizabeth Pilcic

ELIZABETH (MICK) PILCIC, 87, of Granite City, died at 8:38 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22, 1999, at Colonial Care Center.

She was born Sept. 1, 1912, in Troop, Pa. Mrs. Pilcic had retired from Nesco where she had worked as a laborer. She was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church.

She married Nick Pilcic on Sept. 12, 1936, and he preceded her in death.

Survivors include a son, Robert N. Pilcic of Granite City; two brothers, George Mick of Glen Carbon, and Michael Mick of Pennsylvania, and a sister, Ann Hegedus of Flossmoor, Mo.

Also preceding her in death were her parents, John and Elizabeth (Poskocik) Mick, two brothers, Steve Mick and Mickey Mick, and a sister, Mary Modrusic.

Services were Tuesday at Irwin Chapel in Granite City with the Rev. Bill Fishier officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon.

Memorials to the Alzheimer's Foundation are suggested.

Anthony Polito

ANTHONY N. "TONY" POLITO, 86, of Belleville, died Saturday, Oct. 23, 1999, at Willowbrook Nursing Center in Belleville.

He was born June 13, 1913, in Belleville. Mr. Henderson was a former tavern and restaurant owner in Belleville and later worked at Jenkins Business Forms in Mascoutah.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Belleville and Belleville/Swansea Moose Lodge 1224.

He is survived by his wife, Deoras (Baker) Polito; one son,

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Anthony L. Polito, of Belleville; one daughter, Deborah Richter of Wildwood, Mo.; three grandchildren, Natalie Weston, Suzann Arcynski and Kate Richter, and two great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leo and Rose (Macchia) Polito; one sister, one half-sister, and two half-brothers.

Private graveside services were Wednesday at Lake View Memorial Gardens in Fairview Heights.

A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Nov. 13 at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Rev. John Myler officiating.

Memorials may be made to Stella Wagner Endowment Fund at St. Mary's or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Genevieve Risman

GENEVIEVE J. (KARWOSKI) RISMAN, 72, of Collinsville, died Sunday, Oct. 24, 1999, at her residence.

She was born Aug. 1, 1927, in East St. Louis. Mrs. Risman was a member of Polish Women's

Alliance, United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local Number 530 and St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Collinsville. She is survived by her husband, Frank Risman; one daughter, Carol Wise of Belleville; one granddaughter, Cara Wise, two brothers, Chester Karwoski and Stan Kirk, both of Millstadt; three sisters, Josephine Hayden of Columbia, Sophie Wierciak of Fairmont City, and Mary Cook of Collinsville.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Michael and Josephine (Olesky) Karwoski; one sister, Antonette Tieman, and three brothers, Frank Karwoski, John Karwoski and Hank Karwoski.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Collinsville with Rev. John Beveridge officiating. Burial will be in Valhalla Gardens of Memory, Belleville. Kasky Mortuary in Fairview Heights is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or Family Hospice of Belleville.

Bobby Smith

BOBBY JOE SMITH, 55, of Pontoon Beach, died at 5:45 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, 1999, at his residence.

He was born Aug. 9, 1944, in Evansville, Ind. Mr. Smith was a U.S. Army veteran from 1963 to 1966 and member of Sheet Metals Local 268.

He is survived by his wife, Anita "Dee-Dee" Garnett Smith. Other survivors include three sons, Matthew Boone of Pontoon Beach, Anthony Smith and James Smith both of Granite City; one daughter, Meg Boone of Pontoon Beach, and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Lorraine (Lucky) Smith, and one brother, Danny Smith.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at Werner-Mick Funeral Home in Pontoon Beach. Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery in Fairview Heights.

Memorials may be made to the family.

and Collinsville, died Thursday, Oct. 21, 1999, at Shelby Baptist Medical Center in Alabaster, Ala.

She was born Aug. 28, 1917, in Illinois. Mrs. Warzala was a member of St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Collinsville.

She is survived by two daughters, Dottie Jean Cummings of Decatur, Ala.; Debra Jeanne Parkinson of Kingsport, Tenn.; two grandsons, Nehemiah Cummings and Isaiah Cummings; one great-grandchild; two sisters, Martha Saville of Collinsville, and Mary Girardi of Belleville.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John M. Warzala; her parents, Edmund and Josephine (Mokasky) Dimmic; one sister, Bernice Kreminski, and two brothers, Walter Dimmic and Anthony "Tony" Dimmic.

Graveside funeral services were Monday at St. Adalberts Catholic Cemetery in Fairview Heights with the Rev. Larry Brunette officiating.

Memorials may be made to the family.

Walter Wilson

WALTER J. "WALT" WILSON, 69, of Blue Eye, Mo., formerly of Granite City, died at 10:50 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22, 1999, at Deaconess

Hospital in Evansville, Ind. He was born July 5, 1930, in Granite City. Mr. Wilson had worked as a sales representative for Hunter Packing and as a manager at Mount LaJolla Condominiums in California. He was a U.S. Navy veteran.

Survivors include his wife of 47 years, Jeanette (Sparks) Wilson; his father and stepmother, Grant and Delphia Wilson of Iberia, Mo.; his mother and stepfather, Helen and Lou Champion of San Diego; four sons, Mike Wilson of Evansville, Ind., Kevin Wilson of Granite City, Doug Wilson of Springfield, Mo.; a brother, Richard Wilson, and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, William Wilson.

Services were Monday at Irwin Chapel in Granite City with the Rev. Bill Fisher officiating. Mr. Wilson's remains were cremated.

Memorials to the American Heart Association are suggested.

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Maer tours hometown

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springboard to his success as a journalist. "I was the editor of the high school newspaper, which helped me learn some of the facts of journalism. Many of the stories I wrote were printed in the Press Records. That was fun. I would not trade education that I received in the (Granite City) school system for anything," he said.

Maer began his broadcast career with a weekly high school news program on Chuck Norman-owned radio station WGNU-AM before he went to work at stations in Belleville and St. Louis. He began covering White House News in 1986 for the old Mutual and NBC radio networks. His reports are currently heard on KMOX-AM and on CBS and Westwood One radio networks. In his 13 years of White House coverage, he has traveled to

more than 30 countries, and throughout the United States, with presidents Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, George Bush and Bill Clinton.

Maer, a 1970 graduate of SIU Edwardsville, is married to Elizabeth Maer. They have a daughter, Beth, 20, and a son, Jonathan, 23. Maer's father, the late Dr. Stanley Maer, was a well-known and respected optometrist in Granite City.

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Saturday's gala featured dining, dancing, an auction and music by Bob Coleman's Legacy Big Band and was hosted by CBS News White House correspondent Peter Maer, a 1966 graduate of Granite City High School and a 1970 graduate of SIUE. During his opening speech, Maer told about 250 people

in attendance that the education he received in the Granite City school system was instrumental to his success and that the memories of part of his youth growing up along 27th Street were indelibly etched in his mind. "I remember the fun, sunny days working as a lifeguard at Wilson Park Pool," Maer said. "I have so many fond memories of Granite City."

As part of the festivities, U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello (D-Belleville); Paul Rackiewicz, retiring vice president of St. Elizabeth Medical Center, and Mel Wilmsmeyer, retired president of the former Magna Bank, received the prestigious De La Roche award for their support and service to the city. The first recipient was the late Bob Hardy of KMOX Radio.

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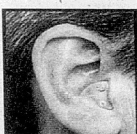
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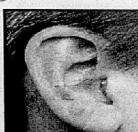
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Conference success

SWC places 3 teams in top 15 at state tourney

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Warriors end '99 with SWC victory

Granite City posts 3rd consecutive win

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

It was the kind of game you see only once in a while, when a player and a team come of age right before your eyes.

PREP FOOTBALL
With senior starting flanker Kevin Elliott out with a knee injury, junior Andy MacTaggart stepped up, made two leaping catches in the end zone and recovered an East St. Louis fumble to help the host Warriors beat the Flyers 22-12 on Homecoming Night.

"With MacTaggart, No. 1, he is a tall kid, No. 2, he has long arms, No. 3, he can catch the football," Granite City head coach Nick Petrillo said. "It was just a matter of Jon getting the ball up in the air where he could handle it, and quite honestly, Jon Franco threw one of the nicest passes I have ever seen. It was just perfectly on target. So he did a real good job."

"After we got the lead, our main focus was to control the ball, eat up the clock and take our chances with our defense, which has been our strong suit all year."

MacTaggart wasn't the only star Friday night. Senior defensive back Chris Kayich was thrust into Elliott's position opposite MacTaggart. Though he didn't make a catch, Kayich deflected defensive attention, allowing for MacTaggart's heroics.

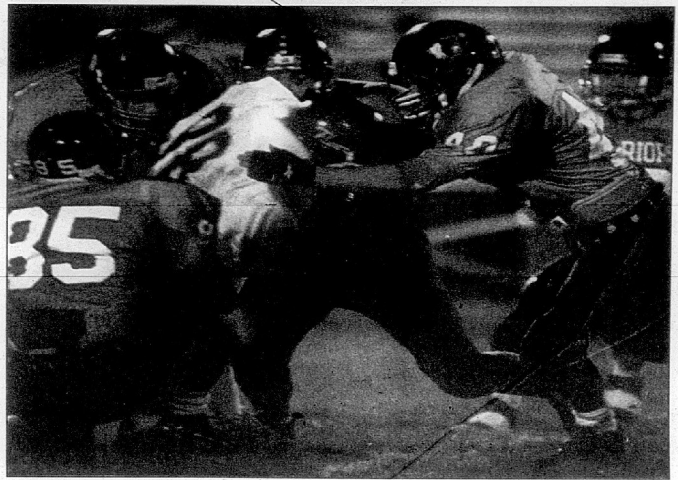
"I felt a little more pressure because I'm a senior, and everyone is kind of looking up to me," Kayich said. "I tried to step it up and trying to just go out there and have a good time. I was trying to pick people up because that was what Kevin did real well. I think I helped pick them up, and the line really stuck together, and we just stuck it out all night long. It was just a great game."

Kayich really made his mark in the besieged Warrior defensive backfield, picking up two of the four passes the Warriors intercepted in the game.

"We were just very prepared all week," Kayich said. "The coaches had us ready for what we were going to do out there. I just did my job. We all did our jobs. The line had great pressure, which I think helped out a lot. All the interceptions were the result of great pressure and great rushes."

"Chris Kayich has just risen to the occasion."

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Tom Stephenson photo
A group of Granite City defenders, including Eric Wienhoff (85) and George Kirgan (40), converge on a player from East St. Louis in Friday night's SWC game, won by the Warriors.

Committee continues quest for better lighting

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

The darkness is thinning, dollar by dollar.

While it is true that money can't buy enlightenment, cash can erase the murk at the center of a football field.

PREP FOOTBALL
The committee assembled to bring new lamps to the Granite City football field is making strides.

Babe Champion, a teacher and coach in the Granite City school system for 33 years, is leading the charge for better lighting. The 1981 graduate hopes future classes can see the rewards. He hopes

Group still seeking donations from community for project

students can see the middle of the football field period.

"One of the first donors was a gentleman who graduated in 1955," Champion said. "He contributed \$100. I saw him later, and he told me that he needed a couple more forms. Last week, I opened up the envelope from the same guy, and it was a check for \$1,000. His comment was that he didn't want the football players running into each other. He told us to use it wisely. We just don't want Granite City graduates, we want friends of the community as well."

The committee is selling memorial

bricks with the name of a donor or a name the donor may choose. The bricks will form a new walkway that will lead from the ticket station to the verge of the football field. The group, which hopes to collect about \$80,000, already has collected more than \$11,000.

"We know that the school district has done a wonderful job on the renovation of the school buildings at all levels, the tennis courts, the bleachers," Champion said. "However, the lights at the football complex are 50 years old and are in bad need of upgrading. This is not in the immediate plans of the school board,

due to lack of funds. Therefore, the committee is attempting to fund the project with donations from business people, parents, friends and hopefully many teachers. We are stressing those who are graduates of GCHS but have found that many donations are from those wanting to create a memorial for a friend or loved one."

"The fact that the lights would be funded by residents or friends of the high school should make the community very proud. The Hall of Fame building

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Babe Champion
Former Granite City coach

Granite City boys place 2nd in Class AA regional

By Scott Marion
Staff writer

In the IHSA Class AA, Edwardsville Regional, run Saturday at Southern Illinois University,

PREP CROSS COUNTRY
Edwardsville, East St. Louis won the girls team championship with a 32-point margin over the top five were Edwardsville (55).

Rounding out the top five were Belleville West (70), Cahokia (105) and Belleville East (118).

East St. Louis swept the top four positions in the individual standings. Shontia Chester placed first with a time of 16:22, followed by Dawn Harper

Meyer qualifies as individual for Warriors girls team

(16:54), Alisha Franklin (16:54) and Alandra Haywood (16:55).

Edwardsville's Courtney Mudd placed fifth with a time of 16:56.

Other Edwardsville runners in the top 20 were Bailey Nichols (seventh, 17:16), Suzy Nucette (12th, 17:51), and Sarah Dortch (15th, 18:05).

The top runners for Belleville West were Amber Pellmann (11th, 17:46) and Carly Ferguson (14th, 17:57). Chrissie Honer led the way for Belleville East, placing 10th with a time of 17:42.

Cahokia had three runners in the top 20, including Yvette Winters, who placed ninth with a time of 17:37. Mascoutah's Jennifer Cook qualified as an individual, placing sixth with a time of 17:03.

Other individual qualifiers were Civic Memorial's Casey Law (eighth, 17:20); Granite City's Penelope Meyer (13th, 17:53); Waterloo's Rachel Kirleis (17th, 18:14) and Alton's Andrea Zimmerman (21st).

In the boys regional at SIUE, Edwardsville easily won the team title with a perfect 15 points.

Andy Bratten led the way for the Tigers, placing first with a time of 16:26. He was followed by teammates Stephen Pifer (16:48), Matt Shearer (16:54), Mike Mudd (17:08) and Joel Keller (17:13).

Placing second through fifth in the team standings were Granite City (71), Alton (90), East St. Louis (104) and Cahokia (132).

Emmanuel Wilborn was the top runner for East St. Louis, placing seventh with a time of 17:16. Belleville East had a pair of sectional qualifiers in Jermaine Jones (10th, 17:37) and Ryan McWhorter (11th, 17:37). Belleville West's lone

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Johnson, Holmes put teams' goals ahead of individual successes

Columbia senior helped program advance to sectional for first time

By Garen Vartanian
Staff writer

Some senior golfers may gripe when a freshman teammate outshoots them. Not

ALL-JOURNAL BOYS GOLF
Columbia High senior Justin Johnson.

Complete team
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freshman Aaron Frazer posted a 36 while Johnson shot a 38. Instead of sulking, Johnson simply was pleased Frazer's effort helped Columbia win that particular match.

"A prima donna would say, 'I got beat by a freshman,'" Columbia coach Tom Deimer said. "But his comment was, 'Great.' He knew we won the match as a team. He was happy the other guys were shooting that well. He didn't care if anyone beat him or not. Justin is team-oriented and goal-oriented."

Johnson's team-first attitude and 36.9 average propelled Columbia out of IHSA Class A regional competition as a team for the first time in school history. Johnson also helped the Eagles finish 54-6 in regular season dual matches and tournaments.

Johnson capped his campaign by finishing second at the IHSA Class A state tournament on Oct. 16.

For his success, he was named one of two Players of the Year for boys golf by the Journal Newspapers of Southern Illinois.

"It was a good year," Johnson said. "It was a good year for me to end my last year."

Johnson, who qualified for the 1999 United States Junior Amateur Golf Championships this past summer, especially was pleased Columbia reached sectional competition. He hopes the Eagles' current underclassmen benefited from the postseason.

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Paul Baillargeon photo
Columbia senior Justin Johnson finished second in the IHSA Class A state tournament but was more concerned with helping the Eagles advance through the regional to the sectional tournament.

EHS sophomore will lead Tigers for years to come

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

Edwardsville High sophomore Brent Holmes has left himself with a tough act to follow.

Holmes averaged 37.5 per nine holes this fall and posted impressive finishes en route to a 15th-place finish in the IHSA Class AA state tournament. Holmes tied for second in the IHSA regional and sectional events en route to state. He helped the Tigers place 13th in the state.

For his efforts this season, Holmes shared Golfer of the Year honors for the Journal Newspapers of Southern Illinois.

"I played good all season and this caps it off," Holmes said. "Holmes really played well when it counted, shooting a 74 in the regional and sectional."

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All-Journal golf team

FIRST TEAM
Max Harren, Belleville West: Harren had the highest finish of any freshman at the

Class AA state tournament, tying for 24th place. "Max finished the season real strong," said West coach Clayton Fisher. "He's a very good tournament player. He had the best average for 18-hole tournaments on the team."

"He has a great swing for a young player and he has a solid overall game. His short game is really good for a young player. It will be nice to have him around for another three years."

Chris Eddy, Belleville East: A junior, Eddy tied the Lincoln with a nine-hole average of 37.2. "Chris really elevated his game this year," said East coach Jim Reynolds. "He didn't perform very well in the regional, but he was our mainstay up to that point."

He won the St. Clair County Tournament and tied for first with a 76 in the (Southwestern) conference tournament at Far Oaks, but lost a playoff to his teammate, Mark Donovan. He set a school record with a 4-under (par) 32 against Alton at Tamarack.

"He's become a very good ball striker," he said. "He's a solid shot. The thing that kept him from doing even better is his putting."

Andy Gwinup, Edwardsville: The sophomore finished the season with a 33.4 average per nine holes. He has in a tie for second overall on the first day of the IHSA

Class AA State Golf Tournament when he fired a 74. He ended up finishing 20th at state. He also shot a 74, good enough for a tie for second-place at the Belleville East Sectional played at Clinton Hill Golf Course in Belleville.

"He was our No. 1 qualifier in our tryouts," Edwardsville golf coach Dennis Erlich said. "He had a poor start to the season by his standards but he just kept improving and improving. After the first tournament, we moved him to No. 4 and then he moved his way back up to No. 2. He didn't get discouraged. He kept working. He peaked at the right time of the season."

C.J. Smith, Belleville West: A senior, Smith qualified for the sectional but didn't make it to the Class AA state tournament. "He was our best player throughout the year and he carried us during the first half of the season," Fisher said of Smith, who also earned first-team honors from the Metro-East Golf Coaches Association. "It was disappointing not to see him get to state, but he had a good season. He finished fourth among 144 golfers at the Rantoul Tournament and finished second at the St. Clair County Tournament."

"He's probably the strongest player in the area as far as hitting the ball off the tee," Jason Svoboda, Belleville Alton. A senior, Svoboda tied the Crusaders with a nine-hole average of 37.8.

He was our No. 1 guy all year," said Alton coach Bud Gorch. "On average, he was about three or four strokes better (for 18 holes) than everybody else."

"This season highlight was shooting a 74 at the regional Alton. He was steady all season. I don't think he shot out of the 70s (for 18 holes) or the 30s (for nine holes) more than once all year. He never allowed a bad hole to deteriorate his game."

SECOND TEAM
Brett Foley, Belleville East
Ryan Lucy, Waterloo
Nathan Ellis, Waterloo
Kelly Witsberger, Tard
Sean Walls, Red Bud

Johnson helped Columbia program

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son experience. "My goal after my junior year was to get to state as a team," Johnson said. "We missed it - got by much (six strokes) - but we got out of the regional for the first time. That was exciting. And it was exciting at sectionals."

Needless to say, Detmer was pleased with Johnson's campaign. "Obviously, I think he had a great year," Detmer said. "He's always looking to improve."

That's one of the reasons he is as good as he is. His work ethic was always as such that it made him better. He almost has a perfectionist attitude. He pushes himself to get better. That rubbed off on his teammates. He made people better."

Johnson enjoyed several regular season highlights, such as winning the Monroe County Tournament, capturing the Cahokia Conference title and placing in the top 10 at the Cardinal Creek Invitational.

The accomplishments continued in the postseason, as Johnson tied for second place at the IHSA Class A Greenville Regional with a 74. He then advanced to state by registering a 76 at the West Frankfort Sectional.

Johnson completed the first day at state tied for second place with a 74. The state title appeared out of reach when he shot a 41 on the front nine the second day.

Johnson, however, rallied on the back nine and posted a 35. He even had a chance to tie for the state title on the 18th hole with a successful putt.

But Johnson missed the shot,

leaving him with a two-day total of 150 - just one stroke behind state champion Brian Anderson of Rochester.

"I had a lot of good breaks," Johnson said. "And I had some bad ones. I had a putt to tie on the 18th hole - you can't ask for any more than that. I think I played well enough to win. Just one shot. That's how golf goes."

Detmer was impressed with Johnson's performance at state. "To shoot a 74 and a 76 in these conditions, under that kind of pressure, that's good stuff," Detmer said. "That's why he's a champion. That's why he's led us."

Johnson will continue his golf career in college. He is looking at NCAA Division I schools such as San Diego State, North Carolina, Georgia, Auburn, Illinois and Illinois State.

Holmes provides leadership for EHS

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events. At the latter, his score tied with fellow Edwardsville sophomore Andy Gwinup.

Holmes saved his best for the opening day of the state tournament. He shot a 77 on the first day to tie for first place.

"I couldn't believe it,"

Holmes said. "The reality didn't set in the whole night. It was unreal."

But the weather soured for the tournament's second day (Oct. 16) and Holmes shot an 85 to finish in a tie for 15th.

"I got on the bogey train," Holmes said. "It wasn't my day. I couldn't get my putts to fall. They were all lipping out or they were all on the edge."

Edwardsville golf coach Dennis Erlich said the conditions on Saturday were awful.

"Saturday morning it rained. The course played longer but both (Holmes and Gwinup) hit the ball long," Erlich said. "The wind picked up. When they made the turn they both shooting 40. The back nine, the weather turned fierce and cold."

I don't think they handled the elements very well."

But the second day of the state tournament didn't dampen Holmes' spirit.

"I think I made a little bit of a name for myself, but I have to keep working hard. I have to work even harder next summer," Holmes said. "Andy and I sort of feed off one another, being in the same grade and wanting to help the team out."

Erlich believes there is more good golf to come from Holmes.

"He's got a good all-around game," Erlich said. "He is a good putter. He gets the ball on the green. He has a good short game around the green. He hits it a long way and keeps it in play."

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Sports

SWC places 3 teams in top 15 at state

Belleville West leads way with 10th-place finish; Tigers finish 11th, Lancers place 14th

By Scott Marion
Staff writer

Metro East teams didn't bring home any trophies from this past weekend's girls tennis tournament, but three local schools fared well.

Belleville West, with 18 points, placed 10th in the tournament, which was played Thursday through Saturday at Arlington Heights.

Edwardsville, led by the doubles team of Maggie Fisher and Lindsay Anderson, tied for 11th place with 15 points while Belleville East tied for 14th with 13 points.

GIRLS TENNIS

"We were one point out of ninth place," said West coach Bob Keefe. "It was the ninth time in the '90s we've at least finished in the top 10."

The Maroons were in sixth place after Thursday's matches, but West slipped in the standings after senior Lauren Carey, who played doubles with junior Chrissy Yngst, suffered a severely twisted left ankle on Friday. After winning three matches on Thursday, Carey and Yngst were warming up to play top-seeded Natalie Matko and Stephanie Matko of Aurora West in an early morning match.

"Lauren rolled her ankle pretty bad about half an hour before the match," Keefe said. "They took to the trainer and kept ice on until about 10 minutes before the match, then they took the ice off and put about a pound of tape on her ankle."

"(Carey and Yngst) had played really well on the first day, but they knew they probably had to play a perfect match to beat the Matkos. When Lauren got hurt, that made it even tougher. They lost 6-1 in the first set and they were 40-15 in the second set with a chance to go 5-5, but they couldn't hold on and ended up losing 6-4."

The loss dropped Carey and Yngst into the consolation round, where they were beaten in three sets by a team from Barrington.

"Lauren's ankle got worse as the day went on," Keefe said. "We probably could have pulled out another two or three points, but we needed four more points to tie for seventh place."

West's other doubles team, Kerry Sims and Allison Coats, won its first two matches but lost 6-1, 6-4 to the third-seeded team from Wheaton Warrenville South. In their first match on Friday, Sims and Coats were eliminated with a 6-3, 6-4 loss to a team from Geneva.

In singles, Maroons junior Lissa Farquhar defeated

Edwardsville's Jessica Gugger 6-0, 6-1 in the first round then lost 6-1, 6-2 to the No. 7 seed, Julie Penn of Wheaton Warrenville South. Farquhar was eliminated in the consolation draw with a 6-2, 6-4 loss to a player from Pekin.

West's other singles entry, sophomore Lindsey Irwin, lost 6-1, 6-3 in the first round to the No. 16 from Evanston but came back to win her next two matches. In the next round, Irwin was eliminated with a 6-2, 6-3 loss to the No. 18 seed.

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Tim Stephenson photo

Group seeks money

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Warriors win final tilt of the regular season

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Petrillo said. "Everybody in the world said the kid was too little, too short, but he is such a gutsy game kid. He worked hard in the offseason, and it really paid off for him."

The Warriors looked ready for everything the Flyers could throw at them on the field.

"We did start practicing more intensely," MacTaggart said. "Some of our practices earlier in the week weren't too great, but we did pick it up by the end of the week, and we started to get going."

"The coaches really helped out a lot all week," Kayich said. "They stuck with it, we all stuck with it. We worked hard. We knew that this was our last game and we were going to go out with a bang."

After a six-game losing streak to start the season, Granite was able to turn solid effort into victories and won their last three. In the process, they gained redemption.

"The seniors did a great job," Petrillo said. "They worked hard for us. But they had some juniors who pushed them, and that is what you need. You have to have a whole team who is willing to compete against one another to make each other better. It made our seniors step up, and it certainly made our juniors step up and grow up real quick. I think about midway through the season, our juniors really started coming along great for us. We had some tough losses."

"It was a phenomenal season

for us seniors," Kayich said. "Even off an 0-6 start, we came back, we stuck together and our heart was big. We all came together as a team out here and we loved it."

The Warriors had extra motivation to end their year with a victory. A month before football season started, senior Wayne Melzer was coming back from a work site in Missouri when the driver of the car lost control and slammed into a telephone pole. Melzer was thrown through the windshield and died instantly.

"I think the biggest drive for us tonight was that we weren't playing this game just for ourselves and our coaches, but for our best friend Wayne Melzer," Newman said. "We wish he could have been here. We loved that guy."

"Accidents happen, and we just wish it didn't happen to him. Every game we said a prayer for Wayne. We came close every game, and we just couldn't pull it off. These last three games were for Wayne. He was right with us tonight. I feel he is right here next to me right now. I think he stepped into every one of us and made us step it up."

"All I can say is that we missed Wayne Melzer," Petrillo said. "We would have loved to have had him, and he would have really enjoyed being with this group of kids. We were both cheated a little bit by his being taken from us early in life. The kids remembered him all year. They didn't make a big issue out of it, but they remembered him."

Granite City boys place 2nd

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qualifier was Zac Fite, who placed 12th with a time of 17:39.

Also qualifying as individuals were Waterloo's Mark Meyers (20th, 18:45) and Civic Memorial's Brian Lloyd (21st, 19:08).

The girls sectional race at Centralia will start at 10 a.m. Saturday, with the boys race at 11 a.m.

The trio of Jennie Illig, Cadan Lawrence and Keirstin Head continues to shine for the O'Fallon girls cross country team.

All three girls placed in the top five as the Panthers won the team championship at Saturday's IHSAA Class AA Salem Regional.

Illig, a senior, placed second individually with a time of 15 minutes 42 seconds. Lawrence, a junior, placed fourth with a time of 16:00. Head, a freshman, placed fifth with a time of 16:21.

Rounding out the top five in the team standings were Olney (62), Mount Vernon (81), Salem

(103) and Carbonate (123). The top five teams qualify for the Centralia Sectional on Saturday.

"I was surprised by how much we won by. I thought it would be a lot closer between us, Olney and Salem," said O'Fallon coach Neil James. "I figured Illig, Lawrence and Head would finish pretty high, but having them all in the top five was a pleasant surprise."

"The emergence of Keirstin Head in recent weeks has really helped. She's been beating almost everyone else's No. 2 and No. 1 people."

"We had a couple people who didn't run as well as they're capable of. But (sophomore) Crystal Foltz, who had been fluctuating between Nos. 7 and 8 for us, was our No. 4 runner and was 16th overall."

In the boys regional at Salem, O'Fallon edged Marion 164-168 for the fifth and final qualifying spot. The top finishers for the Panthers were junior Jason Koch (23rd, 17:06) and sophomore Bobby Smiley (27th, 17:14).

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WEDNESDAY, OCT. 27

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The receptive moon moves into Pisces, joining Jupiter in the sign of inspiration and idealism. While the sun and Mercury in Taurus may have increased your desire to succeed, the Pisces moon helps you to fantasize about what you will spend your money on. Think of these Pisces-inspired daydreams as much needed mini-vacations.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). An informal talk clarifies vague ideas. The boss is impressed with you for different reasons than you think. Seeing a commitment through brings satisfaction to you and to others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You have a better sense of direction now than you did last week. A new flexibility and love of life is yours. A family phone call might result in plans for a visit. Be firm with someone who tests your principles.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A pet notion turns out to be wrong. Chronic difficulty is a thing of the past. A suspicion could prove to be valid. Use your ingenuity to extricate yourself from a ticklish situation.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Sensible spending saves you from a world of woe. Have confidence in your intuition. If you love a perfectionist, you may have to soothe some ruffled feelings in the morning. Love at first sight is not impossible.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You discover a powerful talent you've had all along. Take care of family obligations as cheerfully as possible. The response to your suggestions is positive. It may be difficult to get a Pisces to give you a definite answer.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). An explanation could erase a nagging doubt. Don't underestimate upcoming expenditures. The desire to give is your first motivation in a relationship. Mind over matter makes you a winner.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A philosophical frame of mind helps you to quietly go about your business while others become confused or distracted. Don't let an appointment slip your mind. An unimpressive beginning leads to impressive results.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 27). This year offers so many opportunities for spiritual renewal, it could become confusing! There are chances for deeper meditation and knowledge of your body through exercise. Your health improves dramatically now. Love and romance are found with a Taurus or Virgo now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Be democratic about something that must be shared. Make an introduction - you are a matchmaker! Try to avoid the company of quarrelsome persons. Don't ignore someone who cares for you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Pay attention to a doubt or suspicion, as it is well-founded. A remote possibility could become reality. Someone who refuses to deal with others might decide to confide in you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A missing link is found. Be ready to laugh if a joke is on you; the tables will turn later. A new romance takes you by surprise. Behind-the-scenes activity is the real force behind a company matter.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A second choice turns out to be better than the first. Indefinite plans are made firm. Give your real opinion rather than what you think another person wants to hear.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Obsolete tools or methods should be replaced. Keep up with paperwork. Faced with a choice, what you choose might surprise you. A meeting is designed. Small but important gains are made in an ongoing legal process.

Report says Harrah's has taken top spot in St. Louis

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That is an increase of more than \$24.75 million over 1998. The report credits the 45 percent increase to a combination of a 26 percent increase in admissions and a 15 percent increase in its Win Per Admissions (WPA). Harrah's WPA for fiscal year 1999 was reported to be

\$21.81, up from \$18.96 in the previous fiscal year.

While a casino cannot regulate the good or bad luck of a gambler at a blackjack table or other table game, it can loosen or tighten its main source of income, the slot machines. That did occur at Harrah's Riverport Casino, but not to a great degree.

In fiscal year 1998 (ending June 30, 1998) Harrah's returned 95.03 cents of every dollar put through its slots.

In fiscal year 1999, 94.63 cents of every dollar were returned. That increase of less than one-half percent can only play a minimal role in explaining the property's 45 percent jump in revenue.

More important is the number of people and the length of time they played at those machines.

Harrah's reaped the benefits that an additional 1,047,603 patrons can bring to a casino.

Vern Jennings, general manager of Harrah's at Riverport, attributes his property's success to several factors including the maintenance of an excellent facility, making Harrah's an entertainment destination with special events and quality restaurants and reminding its employees to treat their guests like they would guests in their own homes.

"We are very, very good at treating our regular and loyal guests to complementary meals and with

tickets to some of our special events," Jennings said.

"We make efforts at rewarding our guests and thanking them for choosing Harrah's."

The increase in admissions can NOT be attributed to open boarding because that did not occur until August of 1999, two months into the next fiscal year.

Harrah's neighbor, Players Island, also reported gains across the board, although not as robust. With a 6 percent increase in admissions, Players Island increased its gaming revenue by 26 percent to \$96,585,385, representing a 25 percent market share. Its WPA also was 18 percent higher at \$20.48, up from \$17.31 for fiscal year 1998.

Station's performance can best be described as lackluster. Although it reported gaming revenue of \$111,379,883, that figure is \$370,299 less than its 1998 figure representing a 29 percent market share. Station's admissions were down 333,991, or 7 percent. Meanwhile, its WPA was up to \$23.30 in 1999 from \$21.85. Station's slots returned 94.23 cents of every dollar in 1999, down from 94.39 cents in 1998.

Meanwhile, down on the levee, the President Casino posted gaming revenue of \$59,253,097, an increase of \$1,663,151 or 3 percent. Its market share stood at 16 percent.

The President's admissions were also up 4 percent or 110,603. Slots on the President were actually more generous in 1999 than the previous year, but only slightly.

Her slots returned 93.65 cents of every dollar compared to 93.63 in the year before. The President's slots, however, remain the tightest of all St. Louis area machines.

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Keepsake Country Craft Show at Alton Square Shopping Centers is the areas first choice to shop for great crafts. Two of your favorite exhibitors will be there. Carol Hamel, has been cutting out her charming wood designs and pole painting with perfection. Her yard signs, plaques, angels, saints, pilgrims & turkeys will brighten your home for the holidays. Sharon Cline's "Secret Scents" will fill your home with heavenly aromas. Her potpourri, candles and oils are nostalgic essence of a more peaceful time. These are just a few of the craft exhibits you will enjoy. The variety of Keepsake Country Craft Show is what keeps you coming back for more!

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Keepsake Country Craft Show, Alton Square Shopping Center, Alton IL is two treats in one. October 29, 30 & 31. Alton Square is located in Alton, IL at the intersection of Homer Adams Parkway & Alby St. Boo! There!

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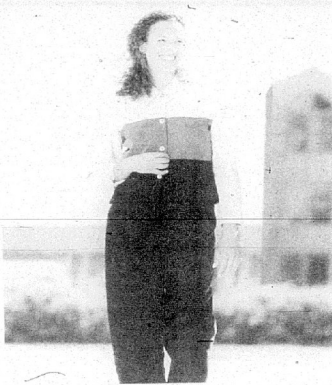
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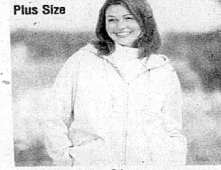
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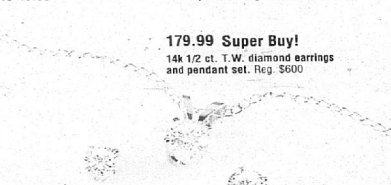
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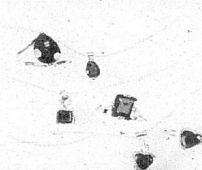
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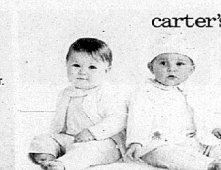
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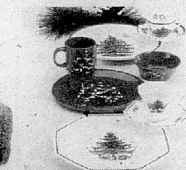
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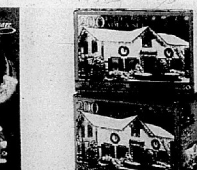
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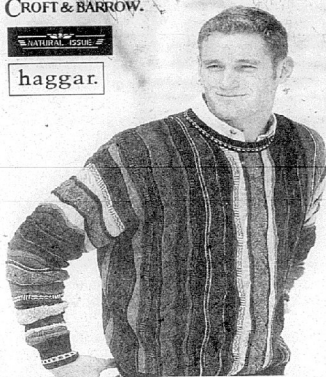
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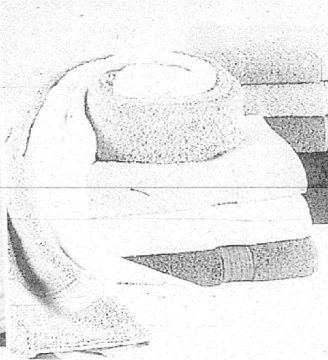
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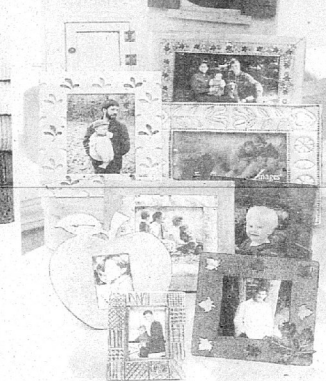
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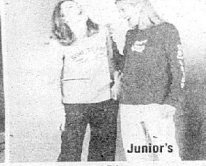
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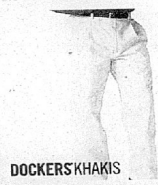
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News

Fall leaf burning does more harm than good

By Deborah L. Bates
Staff writer

Despite the popular scent that declares fall is upon us, leaf burning is harmful and should be avoided, officials say.

"Given the health risks associated with leaf burning and the growing number of communities that have implemented a ban, the American Lung Association is calling for all communities to end this unhealthy and unnecessary practice," said Denise Myles, president of the American Lung

Association of Illinois.

T.R. Carr, professor and chair of the department of public administration and policy analysis at Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville, conducted research on leaf burning in the fall of 1997 and 1998.

The study showed that the inhaled smoke can induce an asthma attack in someone who suffers from asthma.

"There's partial combustion of leaves and that unburned particle matter does tend to irritate the air passage way and that has the potential to bring on an asthma episode," Carr said. "Our airways really do not

do well when inhaling particle matter whether that matter be incompletely combusted leaves or diesel fuel."

Someone who is exposed to burning yard waste has more than three times the risk of having an asthma attack than someone not exposed to leaf smoke, the study said.

During the leaf burning season as much as 80 or 90 percent of particle matter in the air is from leaf burning. "That very pleasant blue haze that we see has the potential to present a serious health risk for individuals suffering from asthma," he said.

While the SIUE study looked at asthma sufferers other studies have indicated that the smoke can be harmful to anyone. Lab studies have shown that when lab animals are exposed to wood smoke their lung functions can be reduced by 20 to 50 percent depending on the exposure time and the severity of the smoke.

"It does have the potential to have an impact on non-asthma sufferers as well," Carr said. In addition to being unhealthy, exposure to leaf smoke can also be expensive. Treatment for someone who has an asthma episode can be in excess of \$1,000.

Leaf burning is banned in Edwardsville, Collinsville, Breese and Granite City. Mulching, bagging and composting are some alternatives to leaf burning. Other communities limit the times of leaf burning.

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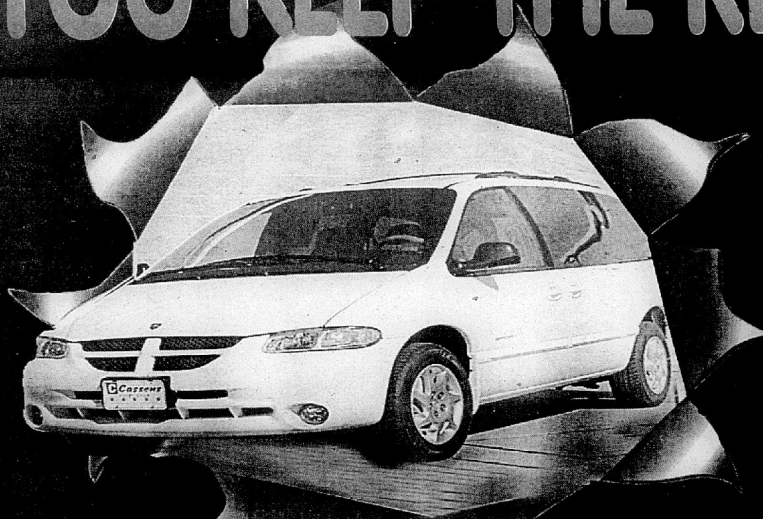
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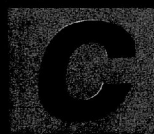
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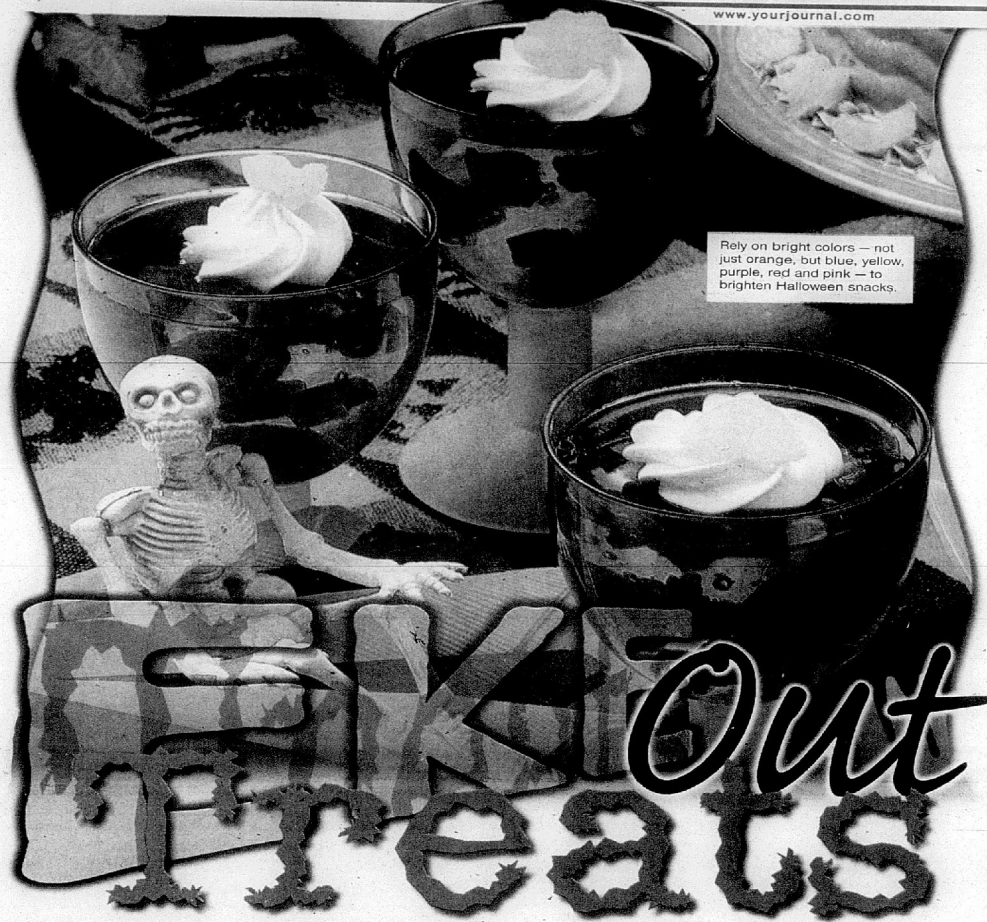
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Micro Raves

Pumpkin smiles
on holiday antics
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Stew up new in lieu of 'boo'

By Janice Denham
Staff writer

*Knock-knock.
Who's there?
Boo.
Boo who?
Don't cry, little baby.*

When Halloween scares up snacks as old and musty as some of its jokes, blow the dust off the holiday and fashion a new mask for it to wear.

The holiday is fun for all ages. Built on a

good-natured desire to don clothes magically and drastically different from everyday garb, it is a vehicle of transformation for all ages, whether they take to the street with children or answer a ringing doorbell.

That makes all the silliness 1/4 from the supermarket checkout line to the treat-laden funsters in the neighborhood 1/4 inviting and open to imaginative interpretation.

While Pokemon and other spirits with supernatural powers participate in a wild Halloween invasion, plenty of ballerinas, angels,

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Food & Nutrition

Wise Ways

Serve eager wearers of costumes food that stabilizes excited tummies.

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Heart-y Bites

Intriguing foods summon spirits of Halloween fun.

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Blue Ribbon Cook

Taco Soup with Tex-Mex flavors gains quick approval on family table.

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Private Label Test Run

Rice comes from freezer in versatile chicken entrees.

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Lively Taste

Mix 2 tablespoons taco spice from 1-ounce package with 1 cup sour cream; mix remainder of seasoning with 1 can (16 ounces) refried beans. To make two 8-layer tortes, place two (6-inch) flour tortillas on separate plates. Using one-fourth of each ingredient on each tortilla, top with drained black beans (15-ounce can), chopped tomato (1 medium), sliced ripe olives (2-1/4 ounce can), shredded cheddar cheese (1 cup or 4 ounces), chopped avocado (1 large), sour cream, and green onion and tops (1/4 cup thinly sliced). Top with 2 more tortillas, repeat remaining ingredients and end with 2 additional tortillas. Wrap tortes individually in plastic wrap. Refrigerate until ready to serve or pack for lunch. Using serrated knife, cut in wedges. Spoon salsa over individual servings.

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Warm tootsies make it easier to fall asleep.

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Fresh Picks

Combine a colorful array of vegetables in a skillet. Cook 1 eggplant, peeled and cubed; 1 zucchini, sliced; 1 green bell pepper, cut in strips; 1 small red onion, sliced, and 3 tablespoons fat-free French salad dressing, covered, over low heat about 10 minutes until tender. Add 2 cups cherry tomatoes. Cook 3 to 5 minutes longer. Serve hot or cold. Makes 4 servings, under 100 calories and at least 5 grams dietary fiber each.

Big Fat Tip

For lunch, serve refreshing turkey salad. Combine 3 cups cooked rice at room temperature, 2 cups diced cantaloupe and 1-1/2 cups cooked, cubed turkey breast. In food processor or by hand, finely chop 1/4 cup packed fresh parsley and 1 clove garlic, cut in half. Blend with 1 carton (8 ounces) plain nonfat yogurt. Toss lightly with rice mixture. Chill, covered, 2 hours.

Future Shop

Starting next week, more than 140 categories of brand-name grocery items, including perishable products like ice cream, will be offered on Priceline.com at name-your-own prices. If the bid price is accepted, the member of the buying club, WebHouse Club, immediately is charged by credit card for the amount and must pick up the goods at one of 600 participating stores in New York. It allows shoppers to buy smaller quantities than usually available in shopping clubs, but the price is locked in, so they do not get a better deal if they find a cheaper price at the supermarket when they pick up their order. After a 90-day trial, shoppers pay \$3 a month for the service.



SMILING Brownie

Kids' Cuisine

3/4 cup (1-1/2 sticks) butter or margarine, melted
1-1/2 cups sugar
1-1/2 tsp. vanilla
3 eggs
3/4 cup flour
1/2 cup cocoa powder
1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/4 tsp. salt
Yellow and red food coloring
1 can (16 oz.) vanilla frosting
Optional garnishes: mini baking Kisses, black licorice bits, strips of red licorice, toffee bits, other food decorations

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease 12-inch round pizza pan. If using disposable pan, place on baking sheet.
2. In large bowl, beat melted butter, sugar and vanilla, using spoon. Beat in eggs. Stir in flour, cocoa, baking powder and salt.
3. Spread batter into pan.
4. Bake in preheated oven 20 to 22 minutes until top springs back when touched lightly in center. Cool completely.
5. Add food colorings to frosting for desired shade of orange.

Frost brownie. Garnish to resemble jack-o'-lantern.
Makes 12 to 16 servings.

Today's Food

Frozen dinners get chicken, rice to table

There was a time before TV dinners, microwave ovens and instant rice. It is hard to believe, but chicken and rice used to be a casserole baked an hour in a traditional oven.

Today frozen main dishes offer a gallery of convenient variety.

TEST RUN A sampling of single servings takes this for granted. Efficiency is the passport for people who stock them when advertised at two-for-\$3. Others pay full price, as much as \$2.69 for glazed chicken.

Varieties sampled were Healthy Choice country glazed chicken, Uncle Ben's rice bowl of honey Dijon chicken, Weight Watchers Smart Ones in fiesta chicken, Michelina's Lean 'n Tasty glazed chicken and Budget Gourmet orange-glazed chicken.

The one with the more unusual flavor, Smart Ones fiesta chicken, brought positive response for its seasoning.

"The flavor was outstanding. The rice was tender and fluffy and there was plenty of topping to mix with it,"



Lunch or dinner tastes center on chicken and rice in a variety of made-for-one entrees in the freezer.

the taster said. He usually passes up low-fat items, so he was surprised by the quality of the dish. He found the chicken rather soft, but thought it might be attributable to the low-fat chicken used.

He thought the quantity of

the dish was comparable to similar products, which he uses frequently. He needs to supplement it with more food though, because it is less than what a person of his appetite eats.

The other glazed chicken products varied according to

style as promoted. "Budget Gourmet put a lot of flavor in its glazed chicken. It was a decent size for woman's lunch. When I opened it the orange flavor jumped right out. The sauce was thick and was pretty with herbs, plus the colorful

vegetables. The chicken pieces are as large as the package shows, the vegetables were smaller," the taster said.

She liked the amount of rice compared with the meat and sauce. The veggies were "identifiable and almost crisp," she said. She thought it worth the price, which was more economical than most.

"I'd give it a thumb's up for the person who likes full flavor. It was strong in what I think was thyme, besides the orange. The vegetables were among the best," she said.

Uncle Ben's rice bowl is a new member of the market.

The taster said, "The chicken was deceptively plentiful. When I first peeled back the lid, it looked like I'd be skimped on the meat. However, as I mixed the ingredients together with my fork, it turned out to be an ideal amount."

He was less impressed by the softness of the vegetables and the honey-mustard flavor. He would give the product another try, probably in a different flavor.

Healthy Choice country-glazed chicken also elicited a cheer for the meat.

"There were six big chunks of chicken and two small chunks in with an herb sauce. The sauce could use a little seasoning, pepper and salt," the taster said.

He found few mushrooms in the sauce, although the package showed several slices.

"But for \$2.69," he said, "it's a lot better meal for you than a Big Mac value meal."

Michelina's Lean 'n Tasty glazed chicken drew mild applause for its flavor.

"I thought it was fine, but not outstanding," the taster said. "Its mild flavor left a middle-of-the-road impression. I like more variety than just chicken and rice, so I'd choose a flavor with more punch. This would make a more than adequate lunch at the office."

Nutrition profiles ranged from 210 calories, 2 grams fat and 570 mg sodium for Weight Watchers Smart Ones fiesta chicken to 370 calories, 4 grams fat and 850 mg sodium in the Uncle Ben's rice bowl. Michelina's glazed chicken was moderate in calories and fat, with 330 mg sodium.

Soup pushes right buttons to warm cool winter season

By Barb Gray
Correspondent

Delight in the sights and sounds of autumn: a cool nip in the air, crunching leaves, football games, crackling fires and active children

MICRO-RAVES rushing home after school. Add a warm and cozy kitchen and the aroma of savory soup from a microwave oven to the family scene.

Versatile, satisfying, nutritious and economical, soup is a favorite of almost everyone. Soup and a sandwich make a quick lunch at home. For school lunch it can be packed in a thermos.

To pique the appetite of dinner guests, serve an elegant light soup as a first course. For a quick and easy family meal, plan supper around a hearty variety.

Pumpkin soup sounds unusual, but needs to be tried to find out how tasty it is. The pumpkin is native to Central America. When the first colonists arrived in North America, Indians were growing it extensively.

The Indians boiled and baked pumpkin for soup. They also dried and ground it into meal, which they used like cornmeal to make breads and puddings. Always good planners, they cut pumpkin into rings and hung them to dry throughout the winter.

Pumpkin pie originated in New England. The top of the pumpkin was sliced off, seeds were removed and the cavity filled with milk and spices. Maple syrup or another natural sweetener was added and the whole pumpkin then was baked.

For cooking or baking, choose small fresh "pie" pumpkins with rather firm rind and bright orange color. They should be heavy for their size and free from blemishes.

Three pounds of fresh

pumpkin makes about 3 cups cooked and mashed. Fresh or canned pumpkin is a good source of vitamin A and a fair source of iron with only 40 calories for 1/2 cup.

Delicious as it is different, this Pumpkin Soup recipe comes from the Microwave Times. Invite guests for an after-game supper and treat them to a cupful. To be more impressive, serve it from the empty bowl of a pumpkin.

Home economist Barb Gray specializes in microwave cooking.

stand 10 minutes.

In food processor or blender, process vegetable mixture at medium speed until smooth. Add pumpkin. Process until smooth.

Return mixture to casserole. Stir in wine, butter, thyme and pepper. Microwave on high power, uncovered, 5 to 6 minutes until heated through, stirring 2 or 3 times.

Makes 6 servings. Tips: To use homemade chicken broth, add 5 cups broth and omit canned broth, water and bouillon.

Fresh pumpkin is easy to cook in a microwave oven. Using tines of fork or knife, prick small pumpkin several times. On paper toweling, microwave pumpkin on high power 18 to 20 minutes until soft. Set aside and cool, then remove flesh.

Nothing ventured, nothing gained. Try wearing socks to see if sleep comes faster. Rebecca Coley is a registered dietitian in the state of Missouri. Questions for her to answer in "Medicine Chest" can be e-mailed to her at rcoley@htsmail.com or sent to: Medicine Chest, Suburban Journals, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, Mo. 63131.

body in a restful state. It is suggested that cold hands or cold feet delay the onset of sleep because heat is escaping from the body.

So what is the solution? Don socks on your feet and mittens on your hands on the way to bed. If socks and mittens sound unbearably hot, a hot water bottle is a good alternative.

While this was not a scientific study, this group analyzed data from 18 healthy young men who participated in sleep studies.

Results suggest blood vessel dilation in the hands and feet in late evening, and resulting heat loss, are key to falling asleep. It also

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cowboys, clowns and pumpkins line up for the parade, too.

Spooky ideas spur on the bats and ghosts theme. Nothing makes the skin stand out better than a mixture of soft blue gelatin sloshing with cottage cheese and blueberries. Bill it as "brains" for the intrepid.

There is an ocean of fun with a water theme. The magically inclined eat fruit wands, skewers of canned pineapple in the shape of sea creatures, berries, mini marshmallows, honeydew or cantaloupe balls, and grapes.

Funch can be any color. Its name matches the setting: Blue Lagoon, Ruby Slipper Sipper or Grassy Green Guzzler.

Dry ice near the punch is a nice touch for those who prefer a Wizard of Oz or a cemetery theme. Keep it safely out of hand range. Smoothies can be made on the spot. Foam created by the quick motion of a blender makes a Grape Volcano.

Blend 1/2 cup seedless green grapes, 1/2 cup milk and 1/2 cup plain low-fat yogurt with 1 tablespoon brown sugar and splash of vanilla. Add 2 ice cubes and a few drops of food coloring. Blend about 15 seconds.

Cool drinks refresh, but hot chocolate warms a chilly evening. For marshmallow toppers, flatten thesweets a bit, using plenty of confectioner's sugar below and on top of the spongy mixture to avoid sticking. Cut out with tiny cookie cutters or shape edges like a bat or pumpkin. Cut-out eyes and noses are effective. Work together scraps.

Let them sit out to dry before dropping them in mugs of warm chocolate drink. They melt quickly if drink is too hot.

Costume parties are a challenge. Everyone must see everyone else. Have a parade. Adults can play musical chairs. Every child earns a prize for a reason. Make them up on the spot: best blue outfit, biggest hat, longest shirt, brightest polka dots, most items borrowed from dad.

Decorates-pumpkin challenges are good for teams, but limit teams to only two or three people. Provide colored markers. Cut-up vegetables, plenty of sturdy toothpicks and other decorations.

A hearty food to serve in a bowl augments sweets

and junky foods that dominate Halloween. Salsa, Chicken Beans and Rice works.

Costumed pets that greet trick-or-treaters are the talk of the neighborhood. Like with children, their outfits should not restrict them or be forced upon

them. They do not need to ingest candy or wrappers. Chocolate can be toxic. Rather than having them greet guests at the door, a window gives everyone a view, but safety protects all creatures on both sides of the glass.

SALSA CHICKEN BEANS AND RICE

- 1 lb. boneless, skinless chicken breast or thighs, cut in 1/2 inch cubes
- 2 tsp. olive oil
- 1 cup chopped red or green bell pepper (1 medium)
- 1 can (14.5 oz.) reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 1 cup salsa (mild or medium to taste)
- 2 cups uncooked instant brown rice
- 1 can (15 oz.) butter beans, drained, rinsed
- 1/4 cup minced fresh cilantro

In large skillet or Dutch oven, heat oil. Saute chicken and bell pepper about 5 minutes until chicken is lightly browned. Add broth, salsa and rice. Bring to simmer. Reduce heat to low.

Cook, covered, 5 minutes. Vary thickness of mixture with broth and water, using package directions for rice as guide. Stir in beans and cilantro. Cook, covered, about 5 minutes until hot.

Serve in bowls, or drain liquid as necessary and serve in soft flour tortillas.

Makes about four (1-1/2-cup) servings; 645 calories, 9 g fat, 42 g protein, 98 g carbohydrate, 62 g cholesterol, 676 mg sodium and 15 g dietary fiber each.

UNDER THE SEA PUNCH

- 1 can (15.25 oz.) cut pineapple in sea shapes
- 1 can (46 oz.) pineapple juice, chilled
- 3 cups orange juice, chilled
- 1 bottle (1 liter) lemon-lime soda

Drain pineapple, reserving juice. Combine juice with water to make 4-1/2 cups. Pour half the liquid into 6-cup mold. Arrange pineapple in liquid. Freeze 2 hours or until solid. Pour remaining liquid into mold. Freeze overnight.

In large punch bowl, stir together pineapple juice, orange and soda. Set aside. To unmold, dip frozen mixture in warm water a few seconds, invert mold and gently shake to release ice.

Makes 12 servings; 145 calories, no fat or cholesterol, 12 mg sodium, 36 g carbohydrate and 1 g protein each.

AQUARIUM CUPS

- 1-1/2 cups boiling water
- 2 pkg. (4 serving size) or 1 pkg. (8 servings) berry-blue gelatin
- 3/4 cup cold water
- Ice cubes
- 1 can (15.25 oz.) cut pineapple in sea shapes, drained

In bowl, stir boiling water into gelatin at least 2 minutes until gelatin is dissolved.

Mix cold water and ice to make 2 cups. Stir with until slightly thickened. If necessary, refrigerate to thicken. Stir in pineapple.

Divide among serving dishes or spoon into 2-quart bowl. Refrigerate 3 hours or until firm.

Makes 10 servings; 80 calories, no fat or cholesterol, 65 mg sodium, 22 g carbohydrate and 1 g protein each.

Do you have trouble nodding off? Try wearing socks, gloves

By Rebecca Coley
Correspondent

Scientists from Switzerland believe the loss of heat from hands and feet, coupled with other chemical events in

MEDICINE CHEST the body, helps people fall asleep.

Melatonin is an important part of the sleep cycle, but the release of body heat is a key part of the puzzle. These observations were published recently in the journal Nature.

For some reason, loss of heat is key to putting the

body in a restful state. It is suggested that cold hands or cold feet delay the onset of sleep because heat is escaping from the body.

So what is the solution? Don socks on your feet and mittens on your hands on the way to bed. If socks and mittens sound unbearably hot, a hot water bottle is a good alternative.

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Results suggest blood vessel dilation in the hands and feet in late evening, and resulting heat loss, are key to falling asleep. It also

might give credence to habits of wearing socks in bed.

Sleep must occur at the right time of day in line with other chemical signals. With winter months coming on, many people tend to suffer cold hands and feet at bedtime.

Nothing ventured, nothing gained. Try wearing socks to see if sleep comes faster.

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Today's Food

Wholesome food keeps tricksters on track

By Jananne Finck
Correspondent

WISE WAYS
Eating some supper before starting to trick or treat helps curb children's appetite for snacking all night on Halloween candy. When treats become the evening meal, they cause upset tummies.

Agreed, youngsters are excited and anxious to start treating, but a quick meal is a real trick because it helps maintain energy levels and alertness during the long evening. A well-balanced meal based on the Food Guide Pyramid provides nutrients youths need for growth and development not just this Halloween, but many to come.

A Halloween pre-meal of

pita sandwiches satisfies the whole family.

Pita sandwiches can include foods from several food groups, limited only by likes and dislikes. Pita options include meat or peanut butter combined with cheese, lettuce and fresh fruit to fill pocket or pita breads.

These appetizing sandwiches are served with fresh veggies, pudding and a glass

of milk. Another bonus of pitas is they are portable, which gives them high kid and parent appeal.

Collect ingredients early for Ham and Cheese Pockets for quick assembly before the pumpkin brigade leaves.

Before or after trick or treating, serve Ants on a Rock. Spread peanut butter on apple slices and top with raisins. They can be billed "dessert" with deceptively

healthy ingredients.

HAM AND CHEESE POCKETS

1 pkg. (8 oz.) low-fat pineapple cream cheese
1/8 tsp. cinnamon
6 pita breads, split in half to form pockets

6 oz. ham, thinly sliced
6 slices cheese or 1 cup (4 oz.) shredded cheese
1 cup shredded lettuce, if desired

Combine cream cheese and cinnamon in small bowl. Spread mixture inside each cut pocket, then stuff with ham, cheese and lettuce. Refrigerate before serving. Makes 6 servings

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Tex-Mex meal easy with soup

Renee Davis, O'Fallon, Mo., wins this week's Quick Tex-Mex Recipe Contest her

BLUE RIBBON COOK
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Having moved here recently from Texas, the Davis family holds the soup as a favorite after a trial by her sister in San Antonio. Even her three children

under age six like it. She serves it with cornbread or Easy Cheese Bread, which she included as a bonus recipe with the soup entry.

Recipes for cookies should be postmarked by Sunday to be considered a possible winner one of the four

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TACO SOUP

1 lb. ground beef
1 can (16 oz.) ranch-style beans
1 can (15 oz.)

Mexican-style stewed tomatoes
1/2 bag (16 oz.) frozen mixed vegetables
1 pkg. taco seasoning
1 cup water
1 cup (4 oz.) grated cheddar cheese

Brown ground beef. Drain any grease.

In large pot, combine beef, beans, undrained tomatoes, vegetables, taco seasoning and water. Soup can be served as soon as all ingredients are hot, but best flavor develops after simmering 30 minutes to 1 hour. Serve soup in individual bowls with cheese sprinkled on top. Serve with corn bread.

EASY CHEESE BREAD

3-3/4 cups buttermilk
baking mix
3/4 cup (3 oz.) shredded cheddar cheese
3/4 cup water
3/4 cup salsa or picante sauce
1 egg

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour 9-by-5-inch loaf pan. Combine baking mix, cheese, water, salsa and egg. Beat vigorously 30 seconds.

Pour batter into prepared pan. Bake in preheated oven 45 to 60 minutes.



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Today's Food

Haunting hype snags tricky taste buds

By Libby Mills
Correspondent

No one needs a crystal ball to know trick-or-treaters will be out in force this Halloween. But if you're not a fan of the spooky, you may find the rounds will fill up on high-fat, sugary treats with little or no nutrition. In addition to not being healthy, this can lead to a tummy ache.

Getting little goblins interested in meal-time food may be difficult on Halloween, when their spirits soar high in anticipation of fun and treats ahead.

Summon the bewitching power of the kitchen. Stir up a few tricks everyone will think are treats. Captivate interest with haunting descriptions and creative twists.

A secret drop or two of food coloring magically adds intrigue. Color skim milk fairy-blue fairy, pancake syrup the color of blood and give low-fat yogurt and sour cream a pumpkin-color.

A child can stir up his own bowl of green ghoulish gruel using oatmeal, grits or farina. Toss in a few witches' teeth (candied corn) and fresh blueberries to make it irresistible to a growing monster.

Catch a few vampires on their before-dawn rush back to the crypt. Serve them pancakes, whose batter was drizzled into the shape of bats, witches' hats and pumpkins. It also can be colored with red and yellow food coloring.

The local market always has a fresh supply of bat wings (shaved slices of lean roast beef) and mummy wrap (strips of tortilla). Cut the beef in narrow strips for layering, then roll them in tortilla strips. This is a great dipper for green relishes, ketchup or salsa - ghoulish names allowed.

Eyeballs for a snack, anyone? The bigger the grape, the easier it is to peel the skin from the juicy red and green orbs. Use them to garnish fruit cups, low-fat yogurt, pudding made with

skim milk, or grilled fish sprinkled with pomegranate seeds.

It may be a little late to secure it, but squid ink curries pasta in blackness. Spider Web Fruit Dip traps the taste buds of multi-aged tricksters. To attract more sophisticated tastes into a similar web, replace the chocolate syrup with a reduction of 1/4 cup balsamic vinegar and 1-1/2 tablespoons light molasses. Heat the liquids until they are reduced to about 3 tablespoons. Use a spoon or pastry bag to drizzle the syrup in spirals.

Registered dietician Libby Mills is a member of the nutrition committee of the American Heart Association, Greater St. Louis Division. Last week's column with the recipe for White Bean and Turkey Chili was written by Erin Fuglestad, intern with the Veterans Administration Hospitals.

SPIDER WEB FRUIT DIP

- 1/2 cup low-fat sour cream
- 2 tsp. sugar
- 1/4 tsp. orange extract
- 4 drops yellow food coloring
- 2 drops red food coloring
- 1 tbsp. chocolate syrup

- 1 toothpick
- 8 fresh blueberries
- 2 tsp. pomegranate seeds
- 2 starfruit, sliced
- 4 raisins

In small bowl, stir together sour cream, sugar, orange extract and food colorings until well combined.

On dessert plates, spread about 2 tablespoons mixture into a circular area, using spoon or rubber spatula. Drizzle about 1 teaspoon chocolate syrup in spiral over orange spread. For best results, drizzle quickly in one fluid motion. Using toothpick, draw about 5 lines from center past edge of orange like spokes.

Using thumb, press raisins flat. Cut each raisin with sharp knife into 4 long narrow strips. Roll strips between fingers to shape into legs for spider.

On each plate, place 2 blueberries side by side in center of web. Under one blueberry, position raisin

legs, two on each side. Garnish outer rim of each plate with slices of starfruit. Sprinkle entire plate with 1/2 teaspoon pomegranate seeds. Makes 4 servings; 73 calories, 12 g carbohydrate, 2 g fat (1 g saturated), 2 g protein and 35 mg sodium each.

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There are still a few gardening chores that can be taken care of, even at this late date. Notice how we said a few. For the most part, outdoor gardening activities for the year are over. Here are some you can take care of before the cold finally takes over.

If frost is expected and you haven't yet found the time to plant bulbs, cover the planting area with a thick layer of leaves or straw to keep the ground from freezing. Plant the bulbs as soon as you can.

Drain irrigation ditches and in-ground sprinkling system lines. Make sure you put away all the garden hoses before the soil freezes.

If the temperatures remain steadily above 40° F, spray broadleaved and needle evergreens with an anti-desiccant.

Mulch strawberries before the ground freezes.

Continue to rake up leaves that fall. The best way to dispose of the leaves is to compost them.

Stroll through the yard and examine any guy wires that are staking trees. During the winter, leaning trees aren't quite so obvious, especially those that lean toward or away from the house.

Wrap rope or twine around the branches of arbovitae and other weak-branched shrubs to prevent damage from snow accumulation.

To protect tree trunks from damage from mice and other rodents, keep mulch away from the trunks and wrap them with burlap or tree wrap.

Till the garden plot to eliminate weeds and expose overwintering insects.

If you have any fertilizer left over, place the bag(s) on a raised platform or piece of wood instead of directly on a concrete floor. The garage floor

may seem like a nice, dry place, but it isn't. Moisture can and will work its way up through concrete, rendering the fertilizer practically useless. Ever left a bag of ready-mix cement on the concrete? After a few months, it's hard as a rock. That's the moisture.

Prune weak, dead, crossing or diseased branches. If you wait, Mother Nature might do this chore for you in the form of heavy snow and ice. No offense to Mother Nature, but you can do a neater job.

Tighten the caps of pesticide bottles and cans before storing them for the winter. Make sure they're clearly labeled and kept well out of the reach of children.

If you have a container of something and aren't sure what it is, it's best to dispose of it rather than take a chance. What you think is weed killer could be vegetation killer, a major disaster. All chemicals must be disposed of properly.

The big night's coming up fast! Make sure your property is trick-or-treat safe. Porch lights should be in good working order, sidewalks and driveways free of clutter, and the porch steps should be in good condition. Kids have a tendency to hurry from one house to the next, and aren't always as watchful as they should be.

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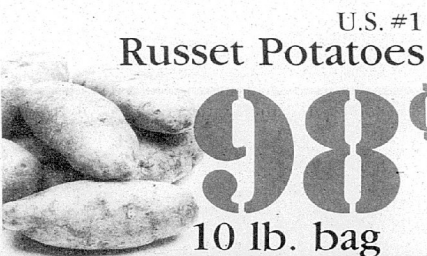
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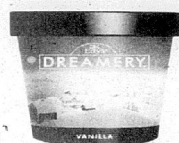
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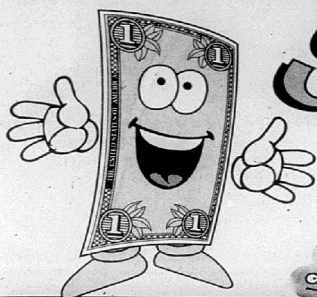
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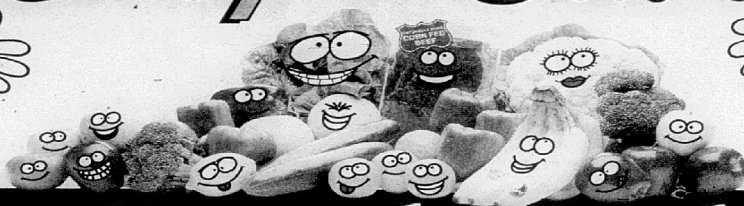
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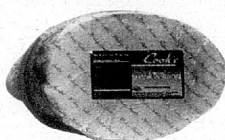
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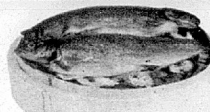
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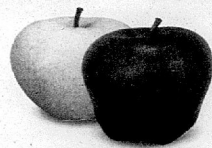
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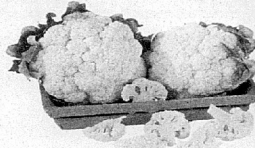
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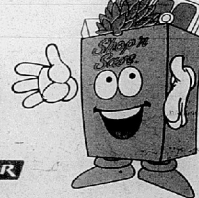
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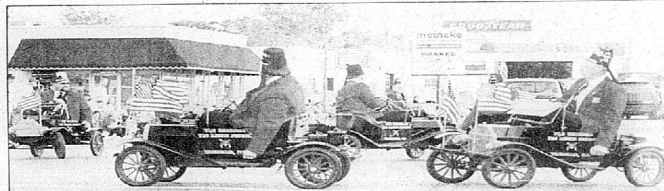


The Shiner flag squad paces the parade, which proceeded May 19 down Madison Avenue in Granite City.

Everybody loves a (Shiner) parade



Sandy Pence (left) and Ellis Hackney look over the itinerary before the parade.

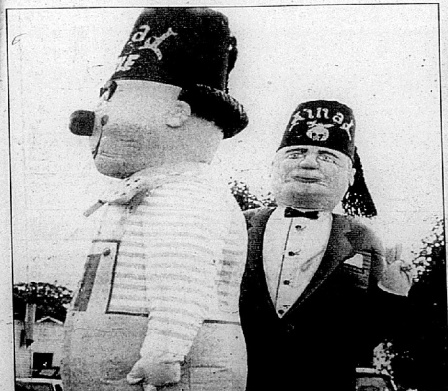


The Original Tin Lizzie Patrol from Vandalia.

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The Granite City High School Band and Flag Team perform.



Shiner balloons join the procession.



Members of the Granite City High School Cheerleading Squad hands out candy to the kids.



St. Louis Ambush Dancers, from left, Laura Nicol, Julie Burnett, Darla Mayhall, Emily Halvachs and Beth Bodgen.

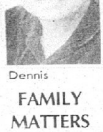
News

Supervision helps teens curb Halloween excesses

Parents usually are aware that the days of prom, homecoming and graduation are times when even the best-behaved teens are more likely to act self-destructively.

However, parents may not realize the special danger Halloween poses for teenagers.

Halloween has become a bizarre holiday for teens. A whole set of social expectations for teenagers on Halloween makes it a very high-risk time for them.



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A culturally sanctioned opportunity for teenagers to party and vandalize without inhibition or restraint.

Their peer culture tells them Halloween is a time to cut loose and act wild and crazy. When combined with alcohol and a lack of supervision, a normally thoughtful teen can get caught up in a destructive group activity.

There are some things parents should do to insure their teenage child's safety and responsible behavior on occasions like this.

Know in advance where your child will be, and be sure your child understands clearly that he or she cannot change venues without your permission.

Make sure your child is with a small group of teens proven to be responsible. Rule out large parties or linking up with teens who are not part of your child's usual circle of friends.

Be sure you trust the parents who are supervising your child. If you don't know them well enough to trust them with something so important as your child's safety on a dangerous evening, don't let your child participate.

Provide alternatives. Offer to have your child's friends over to your house for a little Halloween celebration, or join up with other parents who trust to sponsor a group activity.

Clarify the driving situation. You should know in advance who drives, who rides and where the group is going. Cruising, party hopping and changes in destination should not be allowed.

The exorbitant number of intoxicated drivers that night makes it dangerous for anyone to be out, especially excited teenagers in a car.

Arm your child with the ability to tell friends that he or she will face some very serious consequences—like extensive grounding and loss of driving privileges—for any infractions. Let your child use you as the "bad guy" if he or she needs help saying, "No."

Set a firm curfew, perhaps an earlier one than normal, and make sure you enforce it. Do not allow your child to stay overnight with a friend.

Let your child know that you will be staying awake to greet him or her upon arrival home. Explain that at a time you know is especially fraught with temptations and danger—you want to be sure, not sorry.

Set a new rule: no pranks or vandalism, and if the notion comes up, your child is to leave immediately. Even being around while pranks are being planned or discussed provides an audience which actually encourages irresponsible teens to act out.

Review your normal

rules concerning intoxicants: your teenager should not use them or stay around those who do. Remind your child that you are always ready to pick him or her up—all he or she has to do is call.

Parents who follow these common-sense guidelines can make the evening safe for their child and help

redefine the outlandish peer expectations that pressure teens on Halloween.

Dennis O'Brien is a licensed clinical social worker, experienced educator and therapist, and executive director of Zink the Zebra Foundation of St. Louis, an organization serving medically fragile children.

Breakfast with Santa scheduled

The 4th annual Pontoon Beach Breakfast with Santa has been set from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Dec. 4 at the Pontoon Beach Baptist Church, located at the intersection of Illinois 111 and Pontoon Road.

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SIUE foundations seek investors for building

By Barbara M. Cope
Staff writer

Two support organizations for Southern Illinois University Edwardsville say they have a deal for you.

The SIUE Foundation and SIUE Alumni Association hope local investors are looking for a local opportunity as \$2 million worth of bonds hit the market on Friday to finance a new campus building.

The building that will house The Foundation, a fund-raising support organization for Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, and the SIUE Alumni Association will be named B. Barnard Birger Hall, in honor of an alumnus who donated land at the north end of campus for the project.

"The design and engineering work is complete. We are currently in the process of seeking bids from subcontractors," said Bradley Hewitt, acting chief executive officer of the SIUE Foundation. "We are behind our original schedule. There were some structural issues that held us up, but we should be moving dirt any time now."

The university plans to use the building as a visitor's center and an alumni center. The project will cost slightly more than \$2 million, part of which will be funded from donations from three donors whose names have not yet been released. The plans for the building call for only 60 percent of the second floor to be finished in order to cut the cost. The rest will be finished as money becomes available.

Because the SIUE Foundation is a nonprofit organization, its officials had to ask the city of Edwardsville to act as a "conduit issuer" for the bonds. The release of the bonds followed passage of the ordinance allowing the issue by only three days. Construction estimates, so

far, are not quite so timely. Hewitt said the engineering and design work for the building are completed, but the project has fallen behind.

"The original schedule was for completion near the end of March. At this point, we are about five or six weeks behind. We are still looking at about 12,000 square feet. We've been working on some last-minute issues concerning the exterior facade materials," Hewitt said.

Hewitt said the plans for the interior could be improved upon soon. The foundation is hoping to announce gifts that would allow it to enhance the interior features of the new building.

The building will be used as a visitor's center and an alumni center. The university has more than 69,000 alumni, 30,000 of whom live within a 50-mile radius, Hewitt said. The project will cost a little more than \$2 million, part of which will be funded from donations from the three anonymous donors. Original plans called for only 60 percent of the second floor to be finished immediately to cut back on cost. The rest will be completed when more funding is available.

"We're excited and obviously anxious to get started," Hewitt said. "We'll be even more excited when the building begins to go up. We can't thank the city enough for facilitating the bond issue. That is obviously something they didn't have to do."

Birger is a Foundation Board member and a former member of SIUE's Board of Trustees.

Groundbreaking is expected to take place in the next couple of weeks. After that, construction crews will begin trying to make up for lost time.

"It all depends on the winter," he said. "If we have a mild winter, hopefully, we will be able to make up the time."

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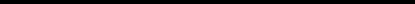
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